

STENT FOR MAINTAINING PATENCY OF A BODY REGION

Abstract of the Invention

An apparatus and method for maintaining patency of a
5 vessel or other body region is provided. The apparatus
includes an appliance having a non-circumferential form and
being effective in maintaining patency or openness, or
causing to become patent or open, a body region in which the
appliance is located. The appliance may be formed of a
10 flexible metallic struts structured to be submucosally
implanted into a wall of the vessel or other body region.